

# CHARTER of the SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the EXPORT-IMPORT BANK of the UNITED STATES

# 1. Committee's Official Designation (Title).

The Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee (the "Committee") of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (the "Bank").

## 2. Authority.

The Committee has been established by the Bank as directed by Section 2(b)(9) of the Export Import Bank Act of 1945 (the "Act"), 12 U.S.C. § 635(b)(9)(B). This Advisory Committee is chartered in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act ("FACA"), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 9(c).

## 3. Objectives and Scope of Activities.

The Committee shall advise the Board of Directors of the Bank (the "Board") on the development and implementation of policies and programs designed to support the expansion of the Bank's financial commitments in sub-Saharan Africa under its loan, guarantee, and insurance programs.

# 4. Description of Duties.

The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board on how the Bank can facilitate greater support by United States commercial banks for trade with sub-Saharan Africa. The Committee shall submit a written report to the Board containing its suggestions on improvements in the provisions of loans, guarantees, and insurance with respect to Sub-Saharan Africa.

#### 5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.

The Committee shall report to the President and Chairman of the Bank.

#### 6. Support

The President, or designee thereof, shall provide staff support and services for the Committee as needed (within the resource limitations of the Bank).

# 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.

The estimated annual operating cost of the committee is \$180,000, which includes administrative expenses, 1.5 person/year of staff support, and travel expenses. Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services but upon request may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code.

#### 8. Designated Federal Officer.

At the call of the President, or designee, a selected full-time Bank employee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer ("DFO"). This person will approve or call all of the Committee's and subcommittee's meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Committee reports.

#### 9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.

The Committee shall meet at least twice per year, at the call of the President and Chairman of the Bank, or designee.

#### 10. Duration.

As provided by Section 14(b)(2) of the FACA, a charter shall be filed upon the expiration of each successive two-year period following the date of enactment of the Act establishing the Committee.

#### 11. Termination.

The Committee shall not terminate unless otherwise provided for by law in the Act.

## 12. Membership and Designation.

The Committee shall consist of 11 members appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the President and Chairman of the Bank. Such members shall be broadly representative of trade finance, commerce, and banking, with not less than one member being representative of the small business community. The Committee will be composed of representative members.

Members shall be appointed for a period of one year and may be reappointed for one or more additional terms. Members serve at the discretion of the Board. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his or her predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. The President and Chairman of the Bank shall designate a Chairperson from among the members of the Committee.

#### 13. Subcommittees.

At the call of the President, or designee, the Committee may create subcommittees which must report back to the Committee and may not provide advice or work products directly to the Bank.

# 14. Recordkeeping.

Records of the Committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

#### 15. Filing Date.

Pursuant to FACA § 9(c) and General Services Administration regulations (41 CFR Part 102-3.70), this Charter was filed with the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States on April 16, 2012. Also on April 16, 2012, this Charter was filed with the Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs, United States Senate, and the Committee on Financial Services, United States House of Representatives. In addition, copies have been furnished to the Library of Congress and the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Date

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